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September 9, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX

SUBJECT: Discussion with Admiral Boone re Sep 12 NEPEC Meeting

Admiral Boone had some suggested changes to the August 20 paper you sent Dr. Seamans on "DOD-NASA Coordination of the Earth Resources Survey Program." Admiral Boone hoped to secure your concurrence in these modifications prior to the Sept 12 meeting.

The specific changes proposed by Admiral Boone, keyed to your Aug 20 paper (Tab C, attached folder), plus my comments to him about them are as follows:

1. Page 1, Section 1, General Objective: Add the following statement: "(See Report of [redacted] .. I did not feel there would be any objections to [redacted].

2. Page 3, Section 3, Control Measures: Add the following to the last paragraph of Section 3: "(The MSAM 156 Ad Hoc Committee will remain available for consultation concerning possible political or security issues which might arise.)".. I did not feel there would be any particular objection to this addition.

3. Page 3, Section 5, Functions of the NEPEC Related to MERSP: Insert the following new paragraph b and renumber the old 5.b and 5c accordingly: "When the requirement for improved sensor capabilities in the MERSP has been established by a user agency, and as the known state-of-the-art advances and sensors of improved performances become operational in the MEP, review the limiting criteria governing the use of sensors in the MERSP and, if appropriate, make suitable recommendations to move the prescribed threshold of performance toward more precise ground resolutions."......I indicated some concern over the words but felt the intent was reasonable.

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4. Page 7, Section 7. Specific Guidelines, Criteria, and Ground Rules for the Conduct of [redacted]: Add the following new paragraph 7f on page 7 and renumber old 7f through 7i accordingly: "Regular review of MEP data will be made by representatives of SACC for purpose of: (1) determining if detailed analyses should be made by cleared NASA personnel as a guide for MERSP planning; and/or (2) recommending to MEPTC that the Director of Central Intelligence be requested to reclassify or declassify those data applicable to MERSP."..... Although I did not indicate any particular concern over this paragraph at the time Admiral Boone and I discussed it, upon further reflection, it seems at least partially redundant with the present para 7g. Further, the words "MEP data" in the proposed 7f need clarification and part (2) regarding the DCI and classification needs clarification if it is to remain therein. Probably, the intent is acceptable.

If you have any thoughts on these proposed changes prior to the MEPTC meeting, please advise and I will relay them to Admiral Boone.

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P.S. There were a few other very minor editorial-only changes which were not significant.

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